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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGY TO PROTECT THE BENEFICIAL USES OF GROUNDWATER IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Background

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) recognizes the critical importance of groundwater quality. The Central Valley Water Board is committed to ongoing programs as well as coordination with other agencies and all stakeholders with an interest in groundwater protection. Central Valley Water Board staff are holding workshops to solicit input from stakeholders to assist us in identifying deficiencies, conflicts with other agency's programs, and/or gaps in protection of groundwater quality

Developing a Groundwater Strategy is not initiating a new regulatory program. The intent of developing a strategy is to provide a summary of the current state of groundwater quality, and to identify current groundwater regulatory programs being implemented by the Central Valley Water Board and other agencies. The strategy will be a document that serves as the Central Valley Water Board's roadmap of how current and future regulatory and control activities will be implemented in a comprehensive, consistent, and coordinated groundwater protection program throughout the Central Valley Region.

Central Valley Water Board staff continue to work on existing and emerging programs to protect groundwater quality (e.g., existing regulatory programs for waste discharges, developing programs such as the Long Term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, and Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-term Sustainability), which have separate processes for obtaining stakeholder input. While the development of emerging regulatory programs is not a part of these workshops, staff welcomes stakeholder input on how to assess and prioritize all of our groundwater protection programs in the development of the groundwater strategy.

Who Should Attend?

Nonprofit organizations, environmental groups, environmental justice groups, industries, local and state agencies, water management agencies, and other stakeholders, groups, or persons interested in developing a Groundwater Strategy for the Central Valley Region. Central Valley Water Board members may also attend one or more of the workshops.

Prior to the workshops, Central Valley Water Board staff will distribute a workshop agenda and an information document that describes existing programs related to groundwater protection. Additional information is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/groundwater_quality/index.shtml

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Workshop Meeting Times and Locations

Date:	August 24, 2009	August 25, 2009
Time:	9:00 to 1:00 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board	9:30 to 1:30 Shasta Public Library-Redding Community Room B
Address:	11020 Sun Center Drive, #200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670	1100 Parkview Avenue Redding, CA 96001
Date:	August 27, 2009	August 28, 2009
Time:	2:00 to 6:00 Delano Regional Medical Center, Conference Center	9:00 to 1:00 Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board
Address:	1401 Garces Highway Delano, CA 93215	1685 E Street Fresno, CA 93706

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodation are requested to contact Pam Buford at (559) 445-5576 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

Contact Information

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Pam Buford, at (559) 445-5576 or pbuford@waterboards.ca.gov. To receive future notifications regarding the development of the groundwater strategy, please subscribe to the "Groundwater Quality Issues" mailing list through our webpage at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/reg5_subscribe.shtml

Written comments may be submitted by mail or electronically to:

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.